



# **The DRERIP Scientific Evaluation Process**

**BDCP Steering Committee  
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# Delta Regional Ecosystem Restoration Implementation Plan = DRERIP

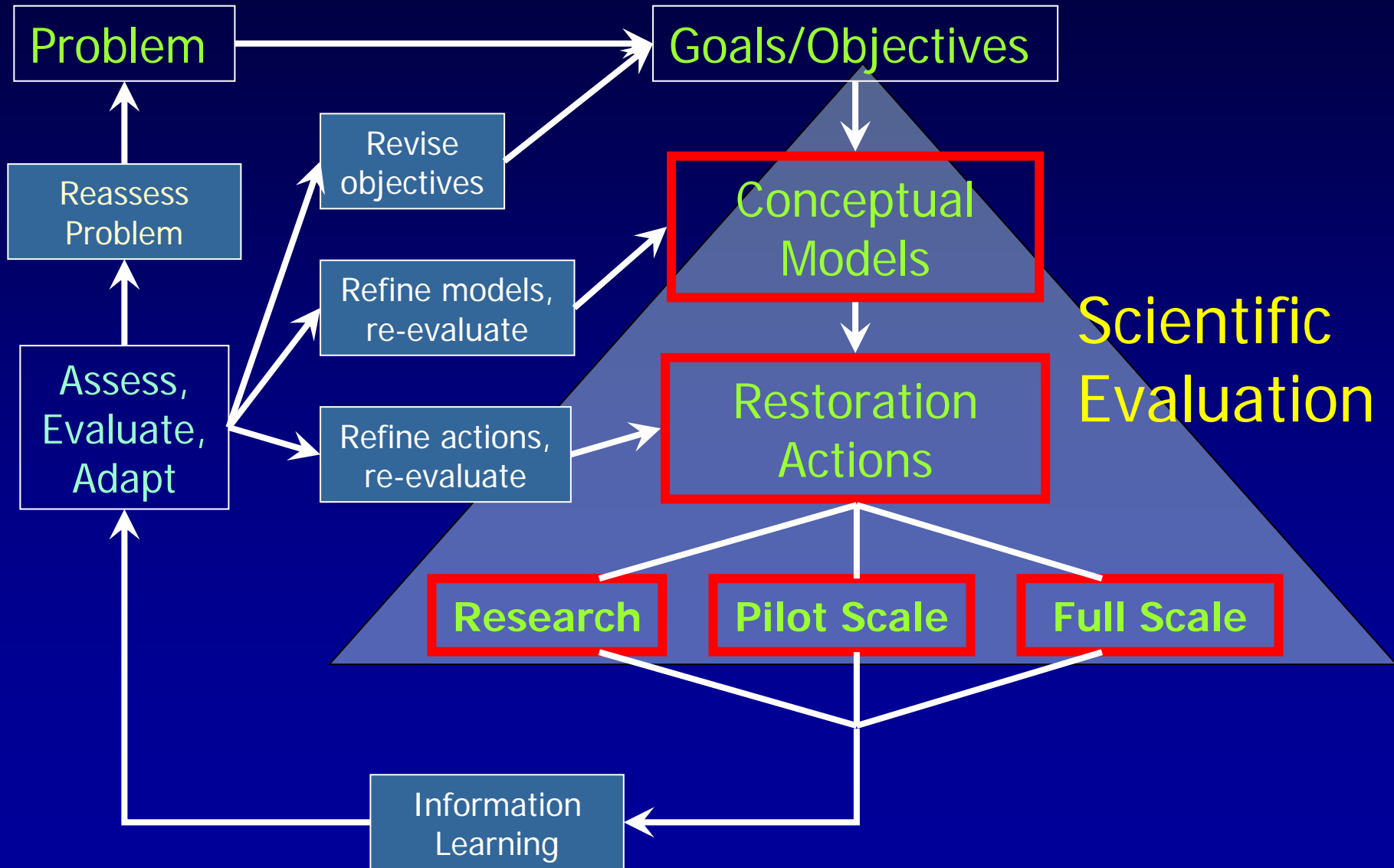
Scientifically evaluates how restoration actions contribute to the needs of the species and the ecosystem that supports them (i.e., recovery).



# Approach

- Foundation in ERP Strategic Plan
- Develop science-based planning tools
  - evaluate actions/measures/activities
  - help set priorities
- Adaptive management
- Engages experts
  - Documents scientific knowledge (conceptual models)
  - Evaluates restoration actions

# Implementing Adaptive Management

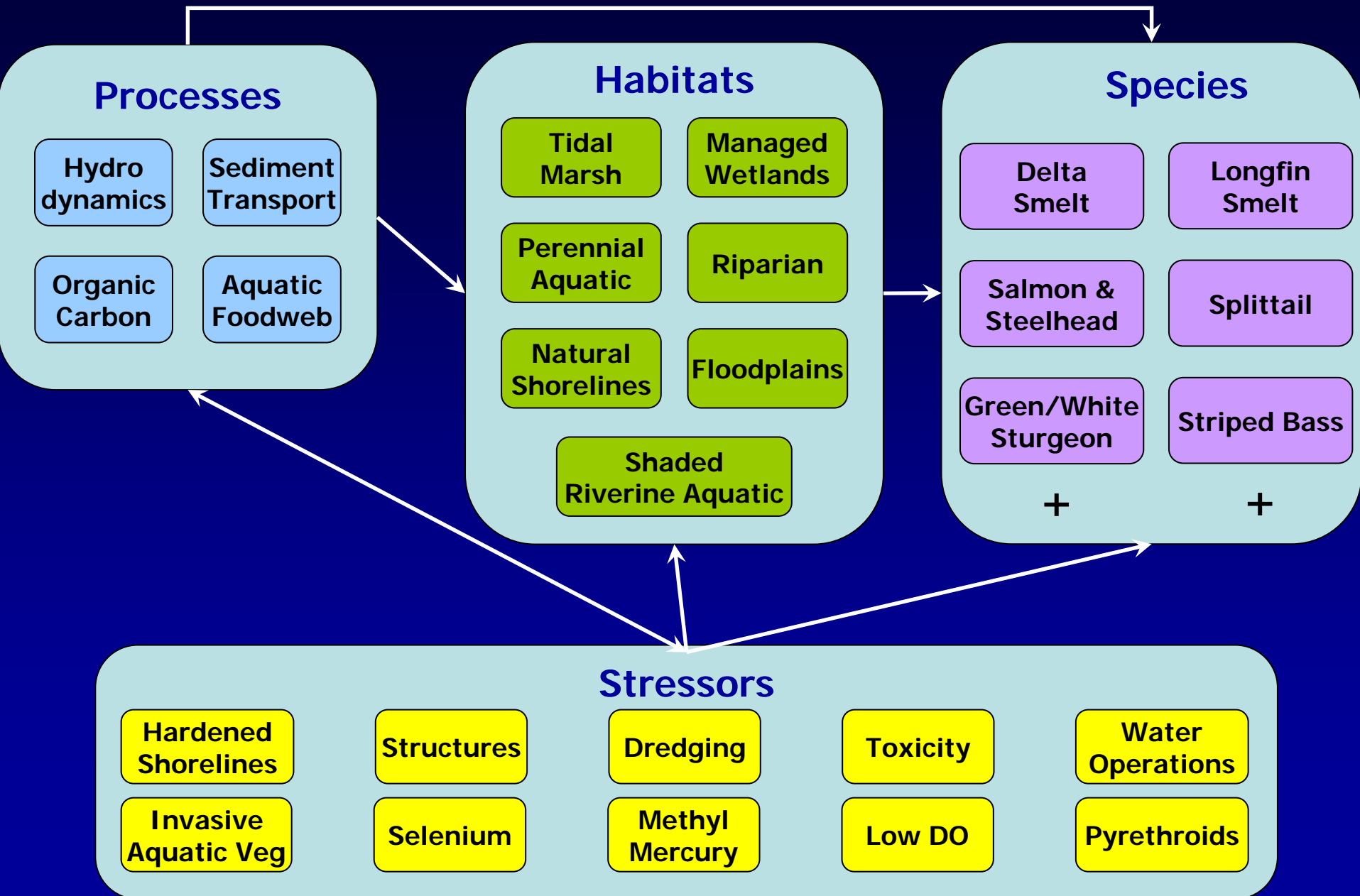


# Scientific Evaluation I

## Conceptual Models

- Established guidelines to ensure models
  - Articulate species needs
  - Explain how the Delta ecosystem works
- Web-based; tiered/linked
- Developed by Experts
- Externally Peer Reviewed
- Periodically Refined

# DRERIP Conceptual Models



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# Scientific Evaluation II

## Peer Review of Conceptual Models

- Species Models
  - Independent expert review
- Ecosystem Models
  - Interactive Panel Review
  - Panels in April-May
  - Report to Independent Science Board in June 2007

# Scientific Evaluation III

## Linking Actions with Outcomes

Conceptual Models Inform Four Topics:

Magnitude &  
certainty of  
beneficial  
outcomes

Opportunities for  
learning

Reversibility

Magnitude &  
certainty of  
possible negative  
impacts

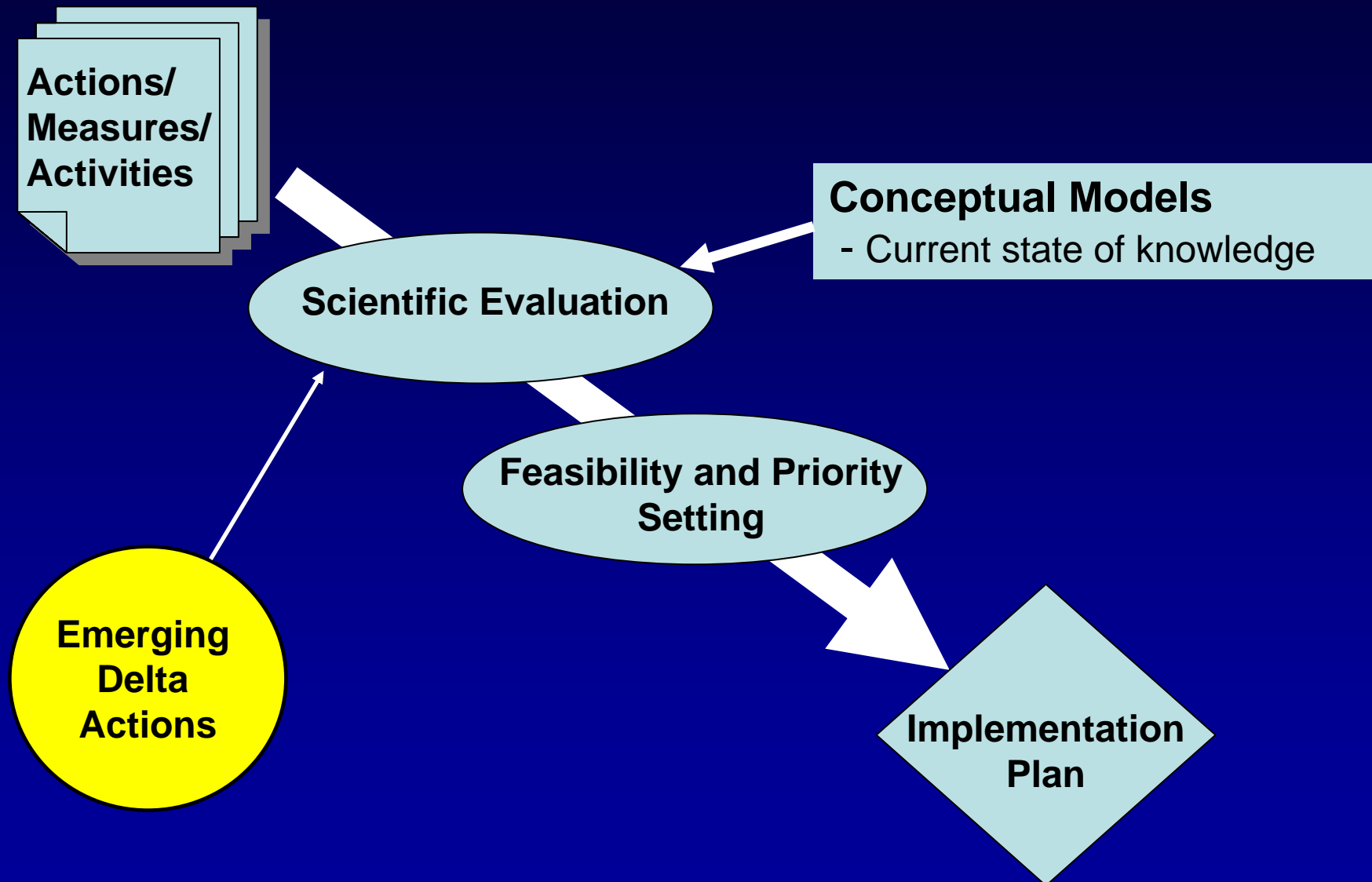
Full  
implementation

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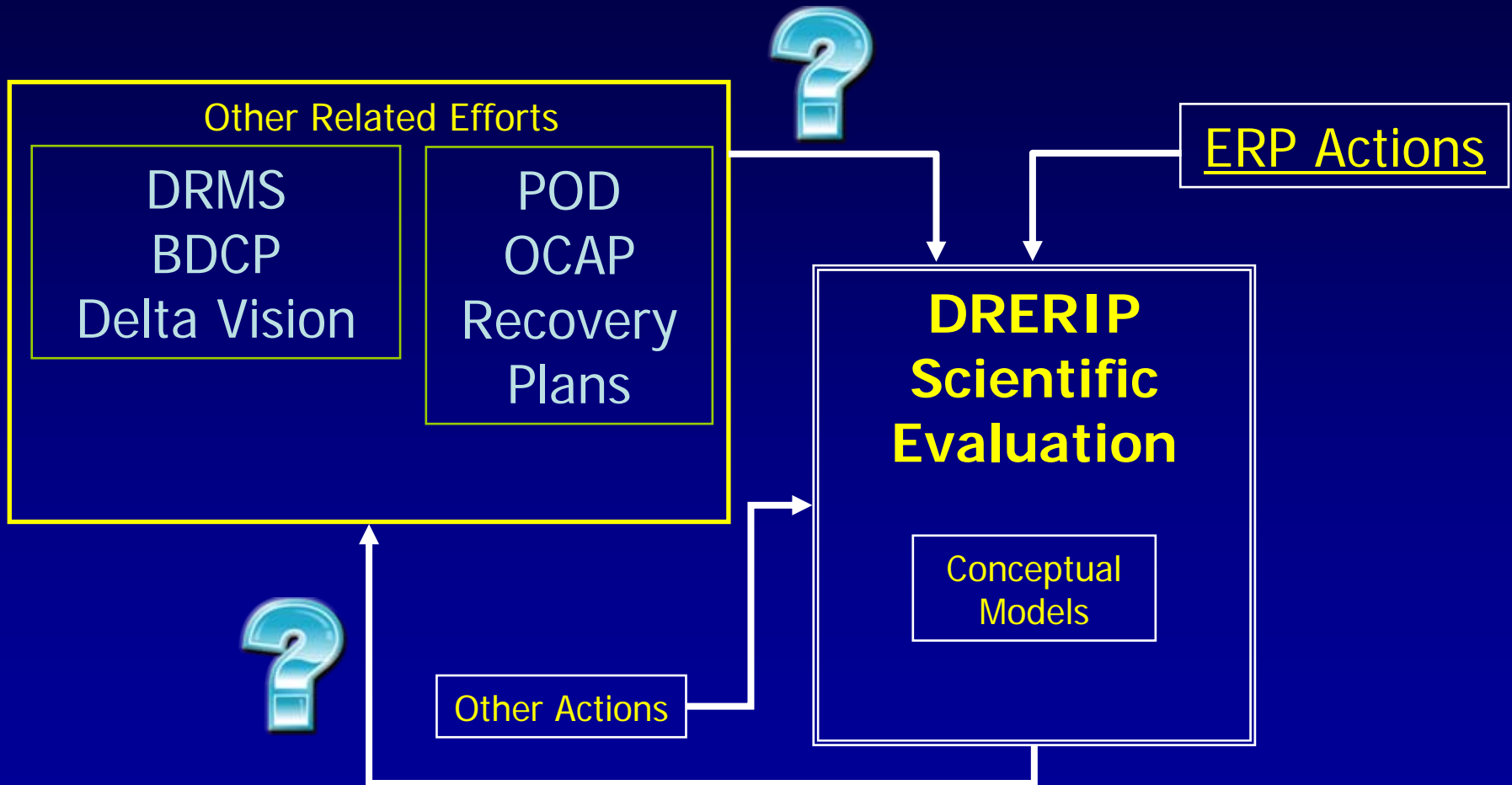
Targeted  
research

Set  
aside

# Science in the Planning Process



# Delta Restoration Actions



# DRERIP Can Provide:

- Strong, peer reviewed science
- Conceptual models to support conservation planning
- Process to evaluate and prioritize conservation measures

# Benefits of Collaboration

- Many Delta experts already engaged
- Conceptual models approaching completion
- Established scientific review processes
- Supported by fish and wildlife agencies
- Common process for conservation planning in the Delta
- Outcomes expedited by pooling resources

# DRERIP Schedule

Convene Action Team to develop initial ecosystem models	August 2006 December 2006
Complete species life history and ecosystem conceptual models	June 2007
Complete actions evaluation	August 2007
Priority setting	September 2007
Draft plan	December 2007